



## FRIENDS OF TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX

April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in person.

**Present:** Michael Boreing, Dawn Carovano, Alan Christensen, Cheryl Hart, Tom Hartz, Sharon Miller, Tom Stibolt, Willem Stoeller, Irene Vlach.

Staff: Bonnie Anderson, Natalie Balkam, Rebecca Chuck.

Guest: Karen Strickland (SRC).

### I. Quorum

We have a quorum (6 directors required).

**II. Excused Absences:** Phyllis Millan, Keith Mays.

### III. Call to Order (2:00pm)

### IV. Welcome and Introductions

### V. Kudos and Mission Moments

### Approval of Agenda

Willem offered to draft the agenda for future meetings. Submit to Willem any item you would like to be included in the agenda prior to the Executive Committee meeting (which is held on Tuesday afternoon, a week prior to the Board Meeting).

### Consent Agenda

1. Standing Committee Reports:
  - Advocacy Report
  - Executive Director Report
  - Financial Reports
  - Membership Report
  - Planning Committee
  - Store Report
2. Draft Minutes of the meeting of 3-28-23

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Reports:

1. Tom S.
  2. Tom H.
- Passed.

## Reports

a. President – Cheryl Hart

- George Burnett is retiring after volunteering for 12 years as the buyer for the store.
- The store needs volunteers willing to work Sunday shifts.
- Thank you to SRC for awarding a grant for plants for the pollinator garden.
- Recap of the Greenway mini BirdFest and of the Youth Climate Summit.
- Upcoming meeting with the Advocacy Committee of Ding Darling and travel to the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC)

b. Executive Director – Bonnie Anderson

- The Habitat Restoration Specialist (HRS) position was offered to a candidate. Negotiations are ongoing.
- Bonnie will give a presentation on our work at Greenway Elementary School at NCTC
- Several people have been shadowing Tom H. as he gave talks about the Refuge at various venues.
- Bonnie will be on vacation May 11 – 22.

c. Youth Summit Report: Bonnie, Cheryl

(Was reported on by Cheryl in the President's report)

d. Refuge update: Rebecca Chuck,

Refuge staff is working with the City of Gaston to keep them informed about the upcoming levy repairs and discovered that seasonal flooding of the Gaston baseball field is a major concern for the local population. Refuge staff is trying to find a solution to keep the water off the field without impacting Wapato Lake's hydrology.

CTGR: The Refuge was directed to incorporate ecological knowledge of indigenous communities into their planning. Staff is holding monthly meetings with representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde to discuss prairie restoration.

Natalie reported on the Volunteer Program Equity Audit.

## Old Business

- Action Item from 3-28-23 Meeting:

- a. HRS position (see above)
  - b. Expectations for board members at the Langer Beer Festival – will be drafted at a later date.
  - c. Recruitment via LinkedIn: will be discussed at the next Governance Committee meeting.
- Any other old business:

## **New Business**

- Langer Contract: Bonnie

Motion to approve entering into a contract with Langer’s Entertainment LLC that reflects the changes in the draft copy of the contract:

1. Sharon
2. Tom S.

Passed.

- Letter of Interest TSWCD Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

Motion to have the Friends submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) TREE (Tualatin River Environmental Enhancement) grant program for \$100,000 to provide funding for restoration work on approximately 30 acres of the Tualatin River NWR over the next 2 years. If the LOI is accepted by TSWCD to move forward in the process, Bonnie Anderson is authorized to ensure an entire grant proposal is crafted and submitted for the restoration work that would include a contract with Ash Creek Forest Management as the contractor to fulfill the restoration work.

1. Sharon
2. Tom H.

Passed.

- Other new business.

- a. Tom Stibolt asked for a motion to allow the Friends to sign on to a letter written by Tualatin Riverkeeper in opposition to the proposed road alternative (Fisher Road extension) stated within King City’s Transportation System Plan and Master Plan.

1. Alan
2. Michael

Passed.

- b. The Friends were invited to become sponsors of the Gaston baseball field. Motion to allocate \$200 to become a sponsor:

1. Michael
2. Tom S.

Passed.

## **Announcements**

**Adjourn (3:35pm)**

Motion to adjourn:

1. Tom S.
2. Willem